Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Mr. A. Kumara Kaimal.

(b) The question has not been finally disposed of.

(c) No.

(d) These questions relate to matters which are by nature confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this file closed or not? To say 'Yes' or 'No' is it confidential?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question relating to that file as to whether it was closed or still open is confidential.

Report of the Road Board.

214. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Road Board has made any interim or final report;

(b) which are the road and bridge works that they propose to undertake in the various years mentioned in the Proceedings that inaugurated the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The final report has been submitted.

(b) Please vide the Report.

Text-books for schools—arrangements made for printing and publishing the same.

215. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, they have taken to print and publish text-books for use of schools in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Notification inviting manuscript copies of Vernacular texts suitable for use in the Primary classes and of Malayalam copy books for classes 2, 3 and 4 for consideration were published in the Government Gazette in November 1935. The manuscripts of the text-books were to reach the Secretary, Text-book Committee, within 6 months from the date of publication of the notification and those of the copy books before 13th March 1936. On receipt of the manuscripts the Secretary has circulated them among the members of the Vernacular Sub-Committee of the Text-book Committee for their written opinions on them, allowing each

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member two weeks' time to go through the manuscripts. The members have not yet finished their perusal of the manuscripts.

Applications for Admission into the Engineering subordinate class.

216. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is not a seat in the Engineering subordinate class besides the two seats in the Engineering College in Madras;

(2) whether the Director of Public Instruction has not notified in the Gazette, dated 15th Meenam 1111 for application for admission into the Engineering subordinate class;

(3) how many applicants were there for this class;

(4) who was selected?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) One.

(4) No one was selected as it was decided not to avail of the seat in question.

Financial position of Messrs. Dalal and Co., Ltd., Chandrie and Co., Ltd., and Ramal and Co., Ltd.

217. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have inquired about the financial positions of Messrs. Dalal and Co., Ltd., Chandrie and Co., Ltd., and Ramal and Co., Ltd.;

(2) if so, what is the financial position of each?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) and (2). Government are satisfied that the financial positions of Messrs. Dalal and Co., Ltd., Chandrie and Co., Ltd., and Ramal and Co., Ltd., are perfectly sound.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House as to what the share capital of these companies are?

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